

STANDARD CRIMINAL 25

EXPERT WITNESS

A witness qualified as an expert by education or experience may state opinions on matters in that witness's field of expertise, and may also state reasons for those opinions.

Expert opinion testimony should be judged just as any other testimony. You are not bound by it. You may accept it or reject it, in whole or in part, and you should give it as much credibility and weight as you think it deserves, considering the witness's qualifications and experience, the reasons given for the opinions, and all the other evidence in the case.

SOURCE: Ariz. R. Evid. 702; Preliminary 5 and Standard 7, RAJI (Civil) 3d. Rule 21.1, Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure: "The law relating to instructions to the jury in civil actions shall apply to criminal actions, except as otherwise provided." *State v. Roberts*, 139 Ariz. 117, 122-123, 677 P.2d 280, 285-286 (App. 1983).
